

MEET OUR NEW VOLUNTEERS

Ryan Bates is a junior volunteer. He is the grandson of volunteer Nancy Bates. Ryan helped with special projects over the summer. We are looking forward to seeing Ryan again in the summer of 2014.

Nympha Pugh is a native of the Philippines who arrived in Alabama via China. She taught in China, and she is hoping to get certified to teach in Alabama. Nympha is married. She volunteers in the HOG, at reception, and during special events. She is currently taking a bit of time away from the Archives in order to study for the Praxis. We wish her the best of luck!

Alex McClure worked as an intern with Sherrie Hamil before becoming a volunteer. She is a student at Auburn

University where she is working towards a Ph.D. in Early American History. Since Alex worked on ArchiTreats with Sherrie, she is now one of the volunteers that makes up Team ArchiTreat.

Maurice Robinson is a young professional from Montgomery. He has a bachelor's and master's degree in History from Auburn. Maurice says, "Volunteering is a family passion, which I embrace." Maurice has volunteered in the HOG and at the reception desk; he also works on special projects.

Linda Morris learned about volunteering at the Archives from student worker Kelhi DePace (Thank you Kelhi). Linda has a bachelor's degree in American History. She enjoys reading and genealogical research. Linda

volunteers on Saturdays.

Graydon Rust is known by many of you already. He was a student worker in the Research Room before undertaking a farming internship in Virginia. He is back now and volunteering. Graydon is a wonderful addition to the volunteer team. He volunteers in a number of positions as needed. We are glad he is back!

Booker T. Washington Students are often seen in the Archives on Saturdays and at special events. A special thanks goes to Brittney Highland, a student at BTW, who contacted me about BTW's History Honor Society's students volunteering at the Archives.

Welcome New Volunteers!

thank
you!

Several events have taken place in the last few months including the Reopening of the HOG, the Academy of Honor, Frontier Days at Ft. Toulouse/Ft. Jackson, and Alabama Day. A big **Thank You** to the following volunteers who gave their time and to make them a success!

VOLUNTEERS AT SPECIAL EVENTS

HOG Reopening

Ken Carrick
Lisa-Ray Cashion
Judy Crow
Graeme DePace
Doug Dillard
Lauren Duke
Sherline Duncan
Tom Emerson
Lindsay Guest
Amelia Hobson
Jacqueline Lee
Harmon McDonald
Roland McDonald
Jennie Price
Joy Scott
Zoe Sparks
Harry Spinks
Juliette Wimberly

Academy of Honor

Ken Carrick
Katherine Conely
Doug Dillard
Anita Fulaytar
Genene Nelson
Jennie Price
Nympha Pugh
Harry Spinks
Vickie Turner

Frontier Days

Art Arnold
Tabitha Barber
Ken Carrick
Tom Emerson
Thelma Ivery
Yvonne Knowles
Chuck Maney

Harmon McDonald
Olivia Oh
Judy Osborne
Jennie Price
Nympha Pugh
Zoe Sparks
Harry Spinks
Lydia Ward

Alabama Day

Jamillah Ball
Graeme DePace
Katie Holtzsch
Linda Morris
Zoe Sparks



Jr. Volunteers Ken, Jacqueline, Graeme, and Joy at Ice Cream Social

JUNIOR VOLUNTEERS MAKE SUMMER FUN

Junior volunteers were a big help the summer of 2013. While some were return volunteers, several were new to the Archives. Junior volunteers greeted visitors at the reception desk, manned the HOG and gift shop, as well as helping with special projects. Many gained new skills through their help with textile projects. To celebrate their efforts, Allison organized

an ice cream social that took place August 24. The junior volunteers brought youthful energy to the Archives, and they made it a very fun summer. You may see some of them around the building during after school hours or during special events. Thank you so much Junior Volunteers; I look forward to seeing all of you the summer of 2014!

Volunteer Newsletter

Alabama Department of Archives and History

Edited by Aimee Sparks

A QUICK NOTE

Hello Volunteers,

I apologize for not producing a Fall 2013 Volunteer Newsletter. We now have six months of information to cover, so I decided to do a double edition. I hope you enjoy this Special Year End Edition of the Volunteer Newsletter! As always, my heartfelt THANKS for all you do. Happy 2014!

Aimee

REOPENINGS AND GRAND OPENING



For several months the second and third floors were closed to the public as they underwent renovations. These renovations included fresh paint, the removal of the Spider Martin photograph display, and a portrait hanging system that now accommodates a wonderful collection of portraits and paintings painstakingly selected by the curatorial staff. Sara Kunau also took advantage of the closure as she worked her magic in the Hands-On gallery.

The HOG was rearranged, a new movie viewing area was created, an I-spy table was added, the area known as Grandma's Attic was revamped, and the HOG (the Hands-On gallery's mascot) was implemented in new and fun ways including a HOG find game. On August 24, the Hands-On gallery, *First Alabamians* gallery, and *The Land of Alabama* gallery reopened to the public. To celebrate the reopening and "Grandma's facelift," education staff planned a day of family fun that included hands-on activities and outdoor games. Numerous visitors arrived to enjoy this fun-filled day. A big thank you to all the volunteers that day in-

cluding Sara's husband who, along with a few dedicated souls, suffered the August heat for the sake of some outdoor fun. Thank you!

I know what you are wondering: when will the *Alabama Voices* gallery open? The Grand Opening is scheduled for February 15, 2014. The Grand Opening will be a daylong event that will include a ribbon cutting ceremony, musical performances, re-enactors, artisans, speakers, food, and hands-on activities. It will be a day of fun for people of all ages. Volunteers we need you to help make it happen! As volunteers you are part of the ADAH family and this gallery means as much to you as it does to us, so we want you here beside us taking pride in this new and exciting addition to The Museum of Alabama. Mark your calendars: February 15. It is going to be a great day!



Lindsay helping a young visitor at HOG Reopening

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VOLUNTEERS VISIT LOCAL SITES



Volunteer Enrichment: The Civil Rights Memorial Center

Volunteers and Staff gathered in the Hale Room the morning of August 30 for a quick bite and a cup of energy before heading out for the volunteer enrichment. Volunteers and staff walked the three blocks to the first site: the Civil Rights Memorial Center. The staff of the Center, a part of the Southern Poverty Law Center, explained the mission of the center before letting visitors watch a short film on civil rights. Some volunteers added their names to the Wall of Tolerance. At the conclusion of the tour, volunteers and staff began the short trip across the street to the Alabama Judicial Building.

At Judicial, Kelhi DePace and I caught up to everyone, and I am so happy that we did. We spent three hours at the Judicial Building. Timothy Lewis, the law librarian at Judicial served as our docent. He and Suze Long, the volunteer coordinator at Judicial, treated us to an incredible tour of the building that included the Supreme Court courtroom where Chief Justice Roy Moore met and spoke with us. Moore graciously answered questions and laughed about his days at West Point. We also visited the offices of the justices, their conference chamber, and robing room. The tour was interrupted when we gathered with Judicial staff for their annual football season kickoff cookout. Chief Justice Roy Moore, the event's host, invited us to stay and enjoy the food and

music. We could not refuse such hospitality. The tour resumed with a visit to several other areas of the building and concluded with an informative session in the rare books room of the law library where volunteers and staff were given the opportunity to handle 400-year-old books. We all safely arrived back at the Archives just in time to depart before bad weather arrived. In short, it was a great day! A very special thanks to Archives and Judicial volunteer Chuck Maney who was instrumental in helping organize our Judicial tour.



Anita looking at a rare book in the State's Law Library

FRONTIER DAYS: CANNONS, COLD, AND CORN

The canon blast momentarily made us forget the chill in the air; luckily the sun shone the four days that volunteers and staff manned the Archives' tent at the Ft. Toulouse/Ft. Jackson Frontier Days. Under the tent hands-on activities were available for the bus loads of school children who visited the event. We ground corn, decorated clay using Indian techniques, and provided visitors with objects to touch and examine as we shared our knowledge with them. It was a lot of FUN! Several volun-



Harmon (Nympha is behind him) at Frontier Days

unteers gave their time to come out to We-tumpka, the location of Ft. Toulouse/Ft. Jackson. We all had time to tour the grounds and forts, interact with the re-enactors, purchase crafts, and, most importantly, to sample the foods and beverages available. The root beer and kettle corn were very popular. The morning crew delighted in the juggling show that took place in front of our tent. This year

was my first at Frontier Days, and I had a lot of fun; I hope all of the volunteers who helped did too. I am really looking forward to next year, and I hope you will join us.

ALABAMA DAY: HAPPY 194TH

194! December 14 marked Alabama's 194th birthday. To observe this occasion the HOG offered special activities for children. Children could make a whirligig, paper Alabama flag, and/or decorate a birthday card for the state. Visitors were also offered cookies decorated in red and white. Despite rain and cold, several visitors arrived to help us celebrate this special day!



Katie, Zoe, Jamillah and Graeme volunteering at Alabama Day

DOCENT NEWS AND TRAINING

A bit of news for docents. Kelly Hoomes will be resuming duties as docent liaison. What does this change mean for you? Kelly will be scheduling docents for the upcoming tour season and the foreseeable future, so any questions or concerns about tours should be addressed to Kelly. We have scheduled docent training. That information is listed below. We hope to see our veteran docents front and center.

Docent Training

Friday, February 21

9:00-4:00

Wednesday, February 26

9:00-4:30

Friday, February 28

9:00-12:00



VOLUNTEER HOLIDAY TEA



Table set for tea

December 3 was a festive day for volunteers as they gathered at the Governor's Mansion for the annual Volunteer Holiday Tea. The Governor's Mansion was beautifully decorated for the holiday season. Guests were welcomed by First Lady Dianne Bentley who was a very gracious hostess throughout the event. A wonderful array of treats including sweet potato biscuits

with local ham and pecan honey, lemon snaps, and chocolate pots de crème were provided by Chef Jim Smith. Steve Wheat and Sara Kunau awarded door prizes that included gift cards to Gigi's Cupcakes, Chris' Hot Dogs, and Scott Street Deli, as well as tickets to the Alabama Dance Theatre's production of "Celebration of the Season," and a

hand-poured candle (Chef Jim Smith's gingerbread scent) courtesy of the Governor's Mansion gift shop. Director Steve Murray presented Mrs. Bentley with an Archives' Christmas ornament, a gift from the volunteers to the Governor and First Lady. While I was ill and could not attend, I am so glad that so many of you were there; from what I hear it was a beautiful event. Now, how do I top this event next year??



Smiling faces at Holiday Tea



ADAH Volunteers with Mrs. Bentley at Holiday Tea

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: FAMILY CONNECTIONS



Aubrey

I say it all the time: volunteers are part of the Archives family, but in some cases the ties between volunteer and staff are literally familial. Joy Scott, Victoria (Tori) Blocker, Maeghan and Graeme DePace, Aubrey Neeley, Vickie Turner, and Zoe Sparks are all volunteers and relatives of staff members.

Joy is the daughter of archivist Mary Jo. She began volunteering in 2012. Joy is 14 years old, and the oldest of three. She attends Cornerstone Christian Academy. Joy has the kind disposition of her mother. Joy volunteers in the summer and at special events.

Tori has her mother's, Museum Collections Assistant Ryan Blocker, outgoing personality. She is 12 years old and attends Southside Middle School in Tallassee. She has a younger brother named Will. Tori enjoys reading and sewing, and she plays softball and basketball, and cheers. Tori volunteered over the summer; she was particularly helpful with several special projects. An imprint of Tori's hands can be seen in the side-

walk flooring of the *Alabama Voices* gallery.

Maeghan DePace began volunteering at the Archives in 2012. Like her sister student worker Kelhi, Maeghan is always happy to help. Maeghan is in the 11th grade, and she enjoys history and creative writing. She loves to cook and sing; she takes voice lessons to hone her instrument. Maeghan is also the caretaker of the DePace family dogs.

Graeme is another of Kelhi's siblings. He is a reserved and very kind young man. Graeme turned 15 in December. He has played the piano for years, and he is learning to play the guitar. He loves pizza and playing with the family pets. Graeme is a veteran junior volunteer. He enjoys working in

Tori's hands in the *Alabama Voices* gallery

the gift shop, and was very involved in the summer junior volunteer textile project. He also assists with special events such as the HOG reopening and Alabama Day. On why he enjoys volunteering at the Archives, Graeme says, "I like the peeps and like the gain of knowledge."

Aubrey Neeley began volunteering at the Archives in 1996; he was a volunteer before his grandson Graham became a staff member. We are happy to have both of them. Aubrey grew up in Alabama, and married his high school sweetheart Mary Ann. Together they have three children, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Aubrey also volunteers at the Montgomery Cancer Center and Montgomery Police Station. Aubrey loves to travel, he has visited six of the seven continents and 49 of the 50 U.S. states. Aubrey can be found at the reception desk on Friday afternoons. Vickie Turner is the mother of Volunteer Coordinator Aimee Sparks.



Joy and Mrs. Bentley

Vickie is the mother of three children and the grandmother of five. She lives in Prattville where she is active in her church. Vickie fills in at reception when needed, and she assists with the Academy of Honor. I have her listed to help with the Grand Opening of the *Alabama Voices* gallery. Mom, this is your friendly reminder to mark February 15 on your calendar; you will be at the Archives that day. Love you! Many of you have met my daughter Zoe. Zoe recently turned 16 (if I start looking a bit frazzled, now you know why). She attends Prattville High School where she is a member of the PHS band, National Beta Club, and Model United Nations. Zoe has a younger brother that she tolerates. She is a gifted artist, and she adores her Chihuahua Maddie. She volunteered over the summer and has participated in several special events including the HOG reopening, Frontier Days, and Alabama Day 2013.

To Our Families: Thank you!



Zoe and Vickie



Maeghan and Graeme

INSIDE THE ARCHIVES: KLEIN CASES
By Georgia Ann Conner, Communication Officer



Store interior circa 1925

Some of you may have noticed the beautiful wooden cases in the gift shop area and Milo B. Howard auditorium. The cases are from the Klein and Sons Jewelry story that was located on Dexter Avenue for many years before moving to Zelda Road and finally to East Chase where it closed in 2012. The cases were built by Georgia Showcase (Georgia Showcase also built the original Archives' muse-

um cases) in 1922 and were in use until 2012. The ADAH acquired them from a Klein descendant. Master carpenter and historic preservation specialist Bob Canter, who recently retired from the Capitol, is refurbishing the cases. Two large display cases are in the Milo B. Howard Auditorium. They will be used to display museum collections. The other cases will be utilized in the remodeled museum store. A large curved case will also

go in the center of the museum store. With this project we are protecting and preserving a part of Montgomery's history and continuing to use the cases in a retail capacity for which they were originally intended. If you have a moment, take a look at these beautiful pieces. To the left is an image of the interior of the Klein store from 1925.



Klein Case in ADAH Museum Store

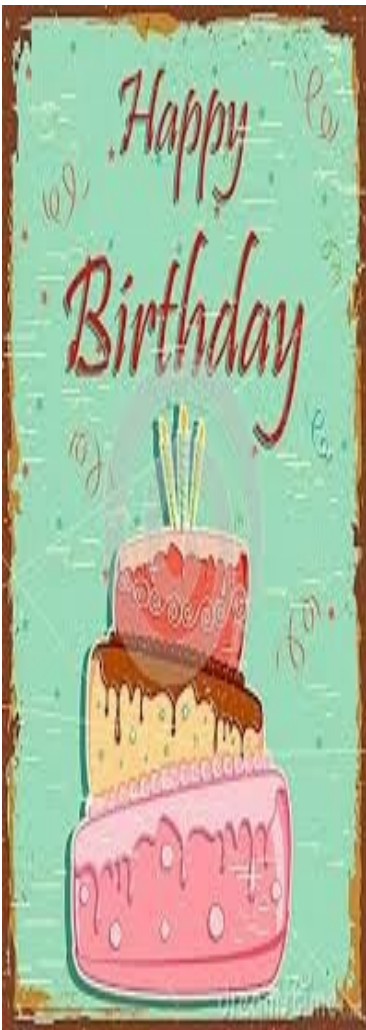
MEMORABLE MOMENTS OF 2013

25 Years: It was a wonderful feeling to present Eva Slay and Martha Durham with certificates for 25 years of volunteer service. It was a reminder that we should give back what we can to the place we call home. Harry's Approval: One day a few months after I started working, Harry Spinks stopped me to tell me that he had not thought he would like me when I was first hired, but that he had changed his mind. He thought I was doing a good job, and yes, he liked me. Tours: Yes, I was always tired at the end of the day, but I looked forward to tours and time spent with the docents. There were highs and lows, but we made it through them all together. Vickie and Zoe's Visit: Not long after I was hired, my mother brought my daughter Zoe to the Archives. Ryan Blocker was kind enough to give them a wonderful tour of the Sampler gallery. They were some of the last people to see it before its doors closed forever. A Walk down Union: During his time as a legislative page, junior volunteer Jake McGaughey asked me to visit the State House with him. He took me on a behind-the-scenes tour and introduced me to everyone he knew. It was great to see him so confident.

Joe's Jokes: No matter how I may be feeling, when I see Joe Sutton I get ready to laugh because he always has a joke, and he always brightens my day with them. Judicial Tour: Despite the heat that day, it was a great experience. I really appreciated the effort Chuck Maney made to insure we had a rewarding experience at Judicial. Concert on the Lawn: The weather was perfect; the company was the best, and the music was enchanting. The Montgomery Symphony Orchestra's Pops Concert on the Lawn was a wonderful evening. The A-Team: Ken and Caryl Carrick always make me happy. Even when the B-Team (Ken) has to fill in for the A-Team (Caryl) at reception, I know that all is well in their capable hands. Grandma's Facelift: It was a lot of work and a lot of fun giving the HOG a fresh new look. It was very exciting to share it with the volunteers and public who attended the reopening event. We have some junior volunteers who can really hula-hoop. I enjoyed writing this segment, and I hope all of you enjoyed reading it. Next year I want all the volunteers to help me with the Top Ten list.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September		November		January	
William Bean	9/1	Matthew Hornsby	11/2	Henry Durham	1/4
Abigail Barr	9/1	Gloria Law	11/7	Jennie Price	1/6
Mary Hazel Winstanley	9/5	Paul Robinson	11/13	Marissa Sankey	1/10
Tori Blocker	9/7	Elizabeth Via Brown	11/22	Jacob Culbreth	1/11
Melanie Pieper	9/8	Sandra Parsons	11/24	Judy Osborne	1/13
Katherine Pool	9/16	Breanna Tyre	11/25	Krushetta Fleeton	1/18
Lauren Duke	9/20	Peggy Morgan	11/26	Meagan Tanner	1/26
John Figh	9/21			David Huff	1/26
Martha Durham	9/26	December		February	
Richard Chambers	9/27	Genesis James	12/2	Paul Ernest	2/1
Myra Wade	9/28	Juanita Pittman	12/4	Alex McLure	2/4
Juliette Wimberly	9/30	Ashley Peters	12/4	Caryll Carrick	2/6
		Catherine Thrash	12/5	Edwin Rhodes	2/10
October		Rita Pearson-Dale	12/7	Judith Crow	2/11
Suzanne Israel	10/3	Mason Shell	12/8	Arthur Arnold	2/12
Matthew Carter	10/3	John Rylee	12/11	George Willis	2/14
Gregory Philmore	10/3	Melissa Smith	12/11	Willa Fay Munson	2/17
William Baltzel	10/9	Thomas Emerson	12/12	Amelia Hobson	2/19
Kezia Moore	10/10	Courtney Tanner	12/12	Maeghan DePace	2/24
Lititia Cooley	10/13	Olivia Oh	12/15	Richard Morgan	2/25
Haeley DePace	10/16	Jane Fowler	12/17	Ashley Fonville	2/28
James Durie	10/17	Shirley McCreedy	12/23	David Thrash	2/28
Bruce Buehler	10/21	Zoe Sparks	12/23		
Doug Dillard	10/23	Victoria Walker	12/25	March	
Shanaquia Brown	10/24	Albert Murphy	12/27	Brittany Payne	3/8
Joe Sutton	10/25	Nancy Bates	12/31	Linda Morris	3/9
Willadean Walden	10/25	Graeme DePace	12/31	Justin Rudder	3/14
James Cotton	10/26			Ken Ward	3/16
Lydia Ward	10/29			Frieda Nieman	3/27
Jamillah Bell	10/30				



Happy Birthday to all of those born in September, October, November, and December! Did we miss your birthday? We may not have it on record. Please let us know and we will add it to our list! We missed one: Eva Slay 7/13



STATE HOLIDAYS

ADAH will be closed to observe the following official state holidays:
January 20: Martin Luther King, Jr.'s / Robert E. Lee's Birthdays
February 17: George Washington's / Thomas Jefferson's Birthdays
April 28: Confederate Memorial Day

